TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 659 - HB 1535

February 21, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (012328): Prohibits the use of supplemental materials which supplant textbooks or instructional materials approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) and which are created to align with Common Core Standards. Requires a local board of education or public charter school governing body to establish a review and approval process for the review of supplemental materials and to establish a process for parents to submit complaints to the school. Establishes that materials created to align with Tennessee academic standards or to exclusively benefit Tennessee students may be used without first having to obtain approval. Effective July 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed language applies to supplemental materials which are print materials, electronic resources, or instructional aids used to support textbooks or instructional materials approved by the SBE.
- A local board of education and public charter school governing body will be able to establish a review and approval process for the use of supplemental materials during the normal course of business and within existing resources.
- It is assumed that all schools currently use textbooks and instructional materials that align with the Tennessee Academic Standards.
- It is further assumed that a local education agency, school, or individual teacher currently using materials aligned with Common Core will be able to substitute teaching materials to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to LEAs is estimated to be not significant.
- LEA employees will not intentionally violate prohibitions pertaining to the use of such materials, in order to prevent the withholding of state education finance funding; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimate to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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